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**State of Georgia
DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program**

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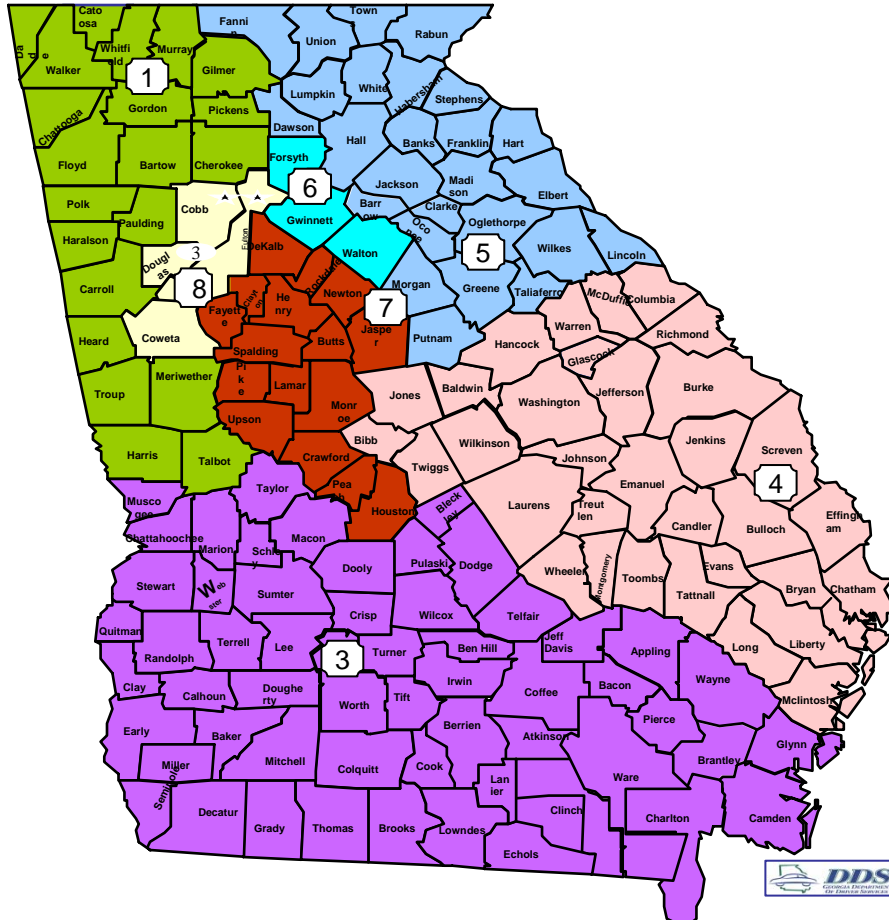
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Regulatory Compliance Division

Mission Statement

The Regulatory Compliance Division of the Department of Driver Services will positively impact the public's safety by facilitating the education of Georgia Drivers. The Division will provide regulatory and support services for all state-certified driver safety programs in a professional, customer-focused, and timely manner.

DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program Facts



- The Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) is the agency statutorily responsible for administering Georgia's DUI Alcohol or Drug Use Risk Reduction Program.
- The Risk Reduction program moved to the Department of Driver Services from the Department of Human Resources in 2005 as a result of House Bill 501, the same law that created DDS.
- As of June 1, 2010, there were 212 certified Risk Reduction programs, 244 certified Risk Reduction directors, and 431 certified Risk Reduction instructors in Georgia.



DUI Assessment Fees

Send all Assessment Fees and Assessment Rosters to the attention of:

**Attention: Accounting
Georgia Department of Driver Services
2206 East View Parkway
Conyers, Georgia 30013**

- Include the schools' certification/ID # on checks/rosters
- Rebates are due on 10th of the following month
- Letters regarding late checks and/or rosters will be sent on the 15th
- If rebates are still not received by DDS by the 1st day of the next month, an administrative fine will be imposed



Complaint Form



PROGRAM COMPLAINT FORM

Instructions: Please type or print legibly all required information. Please be aware that incomplete information may delay our ability to process your complaint in a timely manner.

SECTION 1: Complainant Information

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Middle Name	_____ Suffix
_____ Mailing Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
_____ Home Phone Number		_____ Cell Phone Number	_____ Email Address

SECTION 2: Program Information

_____ Name of Program			_____ Phone Number
_____ Physical Address	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip Code
_____ Name(s) of Program Personnel Involved			

SECTION 3: Nature of Complaint

What service(s) did the above-referenced program provide?

- ☐ DUI/Risk Reduction ☐ Defensive Driving/Driver Improvement ☐ Driver Education/Driver Training
☐ Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP) ☐ Limousine Chauffeur
☐ Ignition Interlock

Please summarize your complaint below. Be sure to include names of witnesses, dates, times, and a detailed description of the incident. You may attach additional pages as necessary.



PROGRAM COMPLAINT FORM

What are your losses? (If applicable) _____

In your opinion, how should this complaint be resolved? _____

Was there a contractual agreement between you and the above-referenced program? (If yes, please attach a copy)

☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION 4: Complainant Affirmation

Under penalty of law, I do hereby swear or affirm that the information provided herein is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that this complaint may be subject to public disclosure in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. §50-18-70, et. seq.

In addition, I understand that I may be subpoenaed as a witness in any criminal or administrative proceeding that may result from this complaint.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

You may submit this form and any supporting documentation using one of the following methods:

By mail

-OR-

By Facsimile

Georgia Department of Driver Services
Attention: Regulatory Compliance Division
2206 East View Parkway
Conyers, Georgia 30013

678-413-8735
Attention: Mistie Odum



Program Recertification Update

Legislative Update



House Bill 160 (2009)

- Governor's "Super-Speeder" Bill to raise funds to support trauma care
- Increases reinstatement fees for many suspensions, including the following:

Under 16 DUI and drug offenses	O.C.G.A. §40-5-22.1	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd +: \$310.00
License restriction violations	O.C.G.A. §40-5-30	From \$0.00 to \$210.00
Failure to appear	O.C.G.A. §40-5-56	From \$35.00 to \$100.00

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

➤ Suspension fee increases (cont'd):

TADRA	O.C.G.A. §40-5-57.1	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd +: \$310.00
HV revocations	O.C.G.A. §40-5-58	\$410.00
Insurance convictions	O.C.G.A. §40-5-70	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd +: \$310.00
VGCSA convictions	O.C.G.A. §40-5-75	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd : \$310.00 3 rd : \$410.00

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

➤ Suspension fee increases (cont'd):

Mandatory suspensions and points suspensions	O.C.G.A. §40-5-84	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd : \$310.00 3 rd : \$410.00
Driving on suspended license	O.C.G.A. §40-5-121	1 st : \$210.00 2 nd : \$310.00 3 rd : \$410.00

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- Language was added to O.C.G.A. §40-6-187 to require that all speeding charges must indicate if the offense occurred on a two-lane road.
- DDS made changes to the UTC to accommodate this requirement, and completing/reporting this check-box is the only additional burden on law enforcement and the courts.

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- Officers will continue to cite drivers for violations of O.C.G.A. §40-6-181, and the conviction will be reported showing the same speed detail as before (____ mph in a ____ mph zone).
- The DDS will use the speed information and the two-lane road indicator to determine whether HB-160 applies.

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- **“Two-lane road” means ‘a road or highway with two lanes for through-traffic movement exclusive of any portion of the road or highway adjoining the traveled way for parking, speed change, turning, weaving, truck climbing, or other purposes supplementary to through-traffic movement.’**

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- The bill also enacted a new code section, O.C.G.A. §40-6-189 that imposes the “Super-Speeder” penalties, which include the following:
 - DDS must impose a fee of \$200.00 on any driver who is convicted of driving at a speed of 85 miles per hour or more on any road or highway or 75 miles per hour or more on any two-lane road or highway.

House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- **Failure to pay the Super-Speeder fee within 90 days after receipt of the notice will result in the suspension of the person's driver's license or driving privileges.**
- **Reinstatement will be of indefinite duration until the person pays the Super-Speeder fee and a reinstatement fee of \$50.00.**



House Bill 160 (cont'd)

- **The reinstatement fee increases went into effect on July 1, 2009.**
- **The Super-Speeder fee went into effect on January 1, 2010.**

2010 Bills to Watch

- **House Bill 23 prohibits anyone under age 18 who holds a learner's permit or Class D driver's license from talking or texting on any wireless device while driving**
 - Exceptions allowed to report a crime/accident or while the vehicle is parked; also does not apply to in-vehicle navigation systems.
 - Penalties include a \$150.00 fine (no surcharges) and 1 Point on the driving record
 - Fine should be doubled if involved in accident while texting or talking
 - Effective July 1, 2010

2010 Bills to Watch

- **Senate Bill 360 prohibits anyone over age 18 or who holds a Class C driver's license from reading, writing, or sending a text message while driving**
 - Exceptions allowed to report a crime/accident or while the vehicle is parked; also does not apply to in-vehicle navigation systems.
 - Penalties include a \$150.00 fine (no surcharges) and 1 Point on the driving record
 - Effective July 1, 2010

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 258 allows teens with a learner's permit to drive without a licensed driver in the vehicle if accompanied by a disabled parent or guardian.**
- **Also provides for issuance of a limited driving permit for customers over age 18 convicted of speeding 24-34 mph over the posted speed limit if approved by the judge.**

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 396 contains numerous changes requested by DDS, including:**
 - Non-commercial Class A and B licenses will now be non-commercial Class E and F
 - Prohibition against non-governmental scanning of driver's licenses or ID cards
 - Allows signatures to be captured electronically on UTC's

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

➤ **House Bill 396 (cont'd):**

- DDS will still be required to send notice of FTA suspensions via certified mail, but the language from House Bill 1111 (2008) about notice for a subsequent charge of driving on a suspended license remains intact.

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

➤ **House Bill 396 (cont'd):**

- All applicants for a credential from the Regulatory Compliance Division will now be subject to checks of their criminal histories through GCIC and NCIC.
- Regulatory Compliance will be prohibited from issuing any credentials to an applicant who is not a United States citizen or a non-citizen who is lawfully present in the United States.

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 898 limits the information published in the newspaper about defendants with multiple DUI convictions (no street info).**
 - Effective July 1, 2010

- **House Bill 1019 provides for free issuance of state driver's licenses and ID cards in the event of a natural disaster.**
 - Effective May 24, 2010

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **House Bill 1055 will allow DDS to give a discount on reinstatement fees paid via the internet.**
- **Also changes maximum term of DL or ID to 8 years.**
- **Requires payment of a filing fee of \$150.00 to appeal an ALS or implied consent suspension.**

2010 Bills to Watch (cont'd)

- **Senate Bill 419 will allow DDS to mark a driver's license to show that the customer has PTSD if requested by a member of the military or a veteran.**
- **Senate Bill 458 deletes the exemption for pick-up trucks from the mandatory seatbelt requirement.**
 - **Effective June 3, 2010**



Update on RCD Strategic Initiatives

Strategic Initiatives

- **Phase 2 of the Online Certificate Reporting Application (OCRA)**
- **Revision of Ignition Interlock Device Rules**
- **Digital Imaging**
- **Audits of Virtual Courses**



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